

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, October 3, 2019

City of Cape Coral Public Works Building

815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990

3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. There was a quorum at 3:57 p.m. when Randy Krise arrived. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ty Symroski, Tom Gressman, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included FDOT's Michael Tisch; a member of the public John Majka; Richard Perdue with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

New Business

Due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting, Chair Anglickis started the meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the information only Agenda Item #9.

Agenda Item #9 - Information on the Long Range Plan Tasks and Schedule

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the Long Range Plan tasks and the schedule for deliverables for developing and running the Regional Transportation Model alternatives. He said the LRTP is due in December of 2020. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that included slides on the Long Range Plan Development, current ongoing tasks, current regional conditions, and population projections. Mr. Michael Tisch briefly commented on Charlotte County's recent LRTP development meeting and population projections. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with slides on the 2040 cost feasible map, transit network, project evaluation criteria, existing plus committed projects, 2040 constrained roadways, funding sources, federal/state revenues, transportation revenues, project development, District One regional transportation model, 2045 cost feasible LRTP model development process and schedule, current regional model, connected and autonomous vehicle (CAV) activities, districtwide model requirements, addressing CAVs in model and the LRTP, potential autonomous/connected/electric/shared (ACES) vehicle supportive projects, and on the horizon. He noted there would be an LRTP item on each agenda until completion. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any comments or questions. The committee discussed the BEBR population estimates, the integrated growth model and other models used, current population and roadway status, ACES, and seasonal population changes. Ms. Bev Larson asked for a copy of the presentation. Mr. Scott said he would have it sent out to the committee. The full presentation can be viewed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/LRTP-Presentation-CAC-100319.pptx>

Agenda Item #8 - Overview of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Analysis

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Analysis. He said the Lee MPO's Bike Ped Safety Action Master Plan Update has been underway since May of this year. He noted as part of this update, the MPO's consultant has done a crash analysis using the 2012-2016 crash data for Lee County. He said this analysis focuses on severe crashes (fatal and incapacitating injuries) at intersections and in road segments on the major roadways in Lee County. He commented this analysis is working towards an end product that includes the prioritization and implementation of countermeasures to improve conditions. He gave a

PowerPoint presentation that consisted of slides on study area segments/intersections, crash analysis summary, risk factor analysis, proposed risk factors, intersection risk factors, segment risk factors, prioritization, reactive methodology, proactive methodology, countermeasure research, project development, and next steps. The full presentation can be viewed here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/BPSAP_Update_TMOC_Meeting_20191009.pdf The committee briefly discussed visibility at intersections, road safety audits, worst areas in Lee County with respect to bike/ped accidents, drugs/alcohol as risk factor, signalized vs. non-signalized intersections, Cape Coral specific data, pedestrian crossings in signalized intersections, treatments to improve US 41, and tractor-trailers parking in center lane. **Mr. Randy Krise arrived at 3:57 p.m., and a quorum was reached.** Chair Anglickis suggested addressing the action agenda items as there was now a quorum. The committee briefly discussed rapid flashing beacons (RFBs), FDOT policy on RFBs, and the Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study. Mr. Scott said he would gather more information on FDOT's policy for RFBs and bring back to the committee.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

LeeTran had nothing to report.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He commented on the tentative work program release date and the public hearing being held October 25, 2019.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the September 5, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the September 5, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approve the Annual FDOT Statewide Safety Targets

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the Annual FDOT Statewide Safety Targets. He noted the Federal Highway Administration is requiring that FDOT and the MPOs around the State take action on setting the safety targets each year. He said previously, the MPO took action to support FDOT's safety targets for the last two years. He added FDOT has notified the MPO that they are staying with the vision zero target for all five safety measures for the next year. He commented the MPO has until February 27, 2020 to accept FDOT's targets or to come up with their own and report on those. The safety performance measures that apply to all public roads are listed below:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Mr. Scott also reviewed the bubble charts for motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle fatalities and injuries. He suggested supporting FDOT's target of zero. Mr. Randy Krise noted the trend actually decreased due to the increased number of drivers. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Annual FDOT Statewide Safety Targets. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked if there was consideration given to the increased population and its impact on the trend mentioned by Mr. Krise. Mr. Scott replied yes, noting that vehicle miles travelled (VMT) is also increasing. Mr. Ed Blot asked if there was a financial benefit to adopt FDOT's goal of zero. Mr. Scott said the MPO is hopeful that there is. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Updated Constrained Roadways List

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the constrained corridor segment list that was included in the Long Range Plan documentation. He noted a constrained corridor segment list had previously been developed to provide information to the public on what roadways the local jurisdictions have determined will not be widened in the future. He added those determinations have been based on various issues that include, for example, additional lanes beyond six lanes will not provide enough of a benefit in increased capacity, the widening of the roadway is not consistent with local comprehensive plans, the widening of the roadway is too costly or it impacts the environment too much. He referred to the list he handed out that reflected the changes suggested at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Mr. Symroski suggested changing the limits on McGregor. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Updated Constrained Roadways List with the minor change to the McGregor limits. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - +Review and Provide Input on the Existing Plus Committed Facilities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the existing plus committed projects that will start construction by FY 2023. He also reviewed the project phases that are considered funded in the local work programs. He said the consultant working for FDOT on the Regional Model has requested the roadway network changes over the last ten years as well as the roadway improvements that are scheduled for construction by the end of 2023 (considered the existing plus committed network). He noted that in addition to lane changes or new roadways that have occurred or will occur in that time frame, they are also asking for the roads that have gone from an undivided section to a divided section. He mentioned the list of the projects that have occurred over the last fifteen years and a list of the projects that will start construction by 2023. He also noted the changes made at the earlier TAC meeting. He asked the committee members if there were any facilities that were missing from the list. The committee briefly discussed the format of the list. Chair Anglickis asked if there was any other input. There was none.

Agenda Item #9a – Discussion on Sunrise Extension in Lehigh

Chair Anglickis introduced this agenda item and asked Mr. Scott to give a brief background. Mr. Scott explained the project was brought up at the earlier TAC meeting by Mr. Mike Cook with Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID). He said there were suggestions for a pedestrian bridge across the canal as well as a full roadway to connect both segments of Sunrise on either side of the canal. He noted that if a roadway was built, the county will maintain. Chair Anglickis further explained the existing schools and traffic, issues with adding two new schools and increasing traffic on existing roads, and lengthy routes to schools due to lack of connection across canal. He suggested writing a letter to Lee County Department of Transportation (LCDOT), Lee County School

District, and LA-MSID to coordinate on a solution. The committee briefly discussed ownership of the right-of-way, cost of project, possible funding source, and benefits of connecting Sunrise like reduction of vehicle miles travelled and increased safety.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to authorize Chair Anglickis, with the help of MPO staff, to prepare, sign, and send a letter to LCDOT, Lee County School District, and LA-MSID to encourage cooperation on a Sunrise extension with an emphasis on safe routes to schools and reduction of vehicle miles travelled. Mr. Derrick Donnell and Ms. Bev Larson simultaneously seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, gave a PowerPoint presentation on his driveway/access issues with the sidewalk/pathway project on SR 80. The committee discussed Mr. Majka's public comment. Chair Anglickis suggested Mr. Majka prepare his information to be included as an agenda item at the next CAC meeting. Mr. Gogoi suggested having the MPO attorney present to guide the committee. Several committee members commented that they would like to hear FDOT's side of the issue. Mr. Scott said that due to the ongoing litigation, FDOT has not been permitted to comment. Chair Anglickis directed Mr. Majka to put together his presentation and submit to Mr. Scott for presentation as a formal agenda item at the next CAC meeting.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics for next meeting included FDOT's draft tentative work program.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included FDOT's Roadwatch report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

*Action Items †May Require Action

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